

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
JOCHEN FINK ET AL  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. **PCT/EP 03/06165**  
FILED: **JUNE 12, 2003**  
FOR: GRAFTING OF NITROXYL TERMINATED  
OLIGOMERS OR POLYMERS ONTO  
THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS  
U.S. APPLICATION NO:  
35 USC 371 DATE:

Group Art Unit:  
Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.